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SUBJECT: WISCHNEWSKI VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST

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1. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED VISIT OF STATE SECRETARY WISCHNEWSKI TO THE UAE, OMAN, AND QATAR WITH ECONOMICS MINISTRY CONTACT WHO TRAVELED WITH THE WISCHNEWSKI PARTY. HE CONFIRMED THE GOODWILL NATURE OF THE VISIT REPORTED REFTEL, COMMENTING THAT IT WAS THE FIRST VISIT BY A GERMAN SENIOR POLITICAL OFFICIAL TO THE AREA. HE ADDED THAT THE FRG IS INTERESTED IN EXPANDING ITS ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN THE AREA THROUGH COMMERCIAL VENTURES AND GREATER TRADE. LATER THIS YEAR A COMMERCIAL DELEGATION FROM THE THREE COUNTRIES WILL REPAY THE VISIT MADE BY GERMAN BUSINESSMEN ACCOMPANYING WISCHNEWSKI.

2. ENERGY POLICY WAS AN IMPORTANT TOPIC OF DISCUSSION, ALTHOUGH OUR SOURCE REPORTED THAT UAE AND QATAR OFFICIALS EVADED ALL QUESTIONS ON LONG-TERM ENERGY

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POLICY WITH DOCTRINAIRE REFERENCES TO JUST AND

EQUITABLE PRICES. THEIR ONLY INPUT WAS AN EXPRESSION  
OF SUPPORT FOR INDEXATION OF ENERGY PRICES. FACED  
WITH SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THEIR IMPORT PRICES AND  
THE LOSS OF THE PRICE ADVANTAGE THAT THEIR LOW-SULPHUR  
HIGH VISCOSITY OIL PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT, THEY  
CONSIDER INDEXING ESSENTIAL FOR MAINTENANCE OF THEIR  
ECONOMIC GROWTH. OUR SOURCE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THEIR  
LONG-RUN BOP POSITION IS SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO AVOID  
DEFICITS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HE POINTED  
TO THEIR RELATIVELY LARGE PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC  
ASSISTANCE TO OTHER ARAB STATES AND CONSIDERABLE  
CONSTRUCTION THAT WAS TO BE OBSERVED AS EVIDENCE  
OF THEIR COMFORTABLE POSITION.  
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